

REMARKS

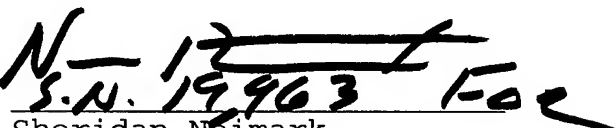
Applicants respectfully request a first examination on the merits of the new claims presented above. These claims are believed to address various issues raised in the Final Rejection, and are believed to define patentable subject matter. For the record, applicants respectfully repeat by reference the Remarks of the preceding Reply.

Based on the telephone conference with the examiner (Dr. Forman), applicants understand that the premature Office Action mailed November 8, 2006, is being withdrawn. Applicants appreciate the examiner's courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,

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